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Thanks

... to those parents who supported our Zone Athletics day at Poroti

People of the week

... Our Central Calf Club participants – who did fantastically again this year – some of the participants were Brianna & Jesse Brown Williamson, Nicole Collier, Ella Martin, Riley Tonkin, Brianna & Erica Powell, Jessica Gauntlett, Sarah Hampton, Brooke Hay, Summer Dackers, Connan, Esther & Connan Wiegersma. Some of the results are at the back of this newsletter...

... to all our Y4-8 children who tried their best at Poroti & to the children who will go on to represent our zone in town in a couple of weeks.

... Riley T, who was noticed helping & supporting another student at Central Calf Club day this week.

... Niko Fagalima-Robertson for outstanding sportsmanship at the recent athletics event

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

16 November	ESOL trip to the Adventure Forest (Interschool)
21 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
22 November	Year 7 and 8 Junior Volleyball Tournament
22 November	Year 5 and 6 Speech Finals
27 November	Year 3 Outdoor Education Day – Adventure Forest
28 November	Year 1-3 trip to Mair Park
30 November	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Tech Quest (Y6 students)
5 December	BOT Parent Helpers Morning Tea
6 December	School Team Athletics Day (pp 7.12)
8 December	Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017
11 December	School prize giving
12 December	End of Year Reports issued
13 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

First day of 2018 school year Wednesday 31 January

Final Virtue for 2017

You received support material for the *Courtesy Virtue* a couple of weeks ago (you can find a copy on our facebook page or request a copy from the office). Let us know of good examples to share of how you have noticed courtesy.

After School Care 2018

If you think you would use an After School Care (OSCAR approved) programme next year, starting term 1, 3:00 – 5:30, school hall, Monday to Friday, homework support, afternoon tea, arts and crafts etc. Cost \$6 per child per hour, additional siblings \$3 per child per hour please contact Kim 021 066 3806 to enrol, or for more information.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

... Home Gardens	... International Schools Competitions
... OOO placements 2018	... Learning Support placements
... sunhats / drink bottles	... Headlice checks

After School Swimming Lessons 2018

As advised in the last newsletter, we will be making our pool available for swimming lessons during term 1 of next year. Lessons will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays from the week beginning 5 February, and will continue to (approximately) 30 March. Lessons will take place starting 3:15, 4:00 and 4:45 and groups will be (loosely) ability based. There will be approximately 6-8 students per group and the cost will be \$11 per session (\$22 per week), thus \$176 per student for 8 weeks of lessons. The preference is for fees to be paid upfront for the 8 week period. The instructor is a qualified swimming instructor and has a background (and qualifications) in sport science. We have no doubt there will be high interest in these lessons and suggest that you register early. **If interested please phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021464300. Be in quick!**

Pool Keys 2018

The school pool will be open for use by key holders from mid-January of next year, until around Easter. Keys will be available for hire in a week or two, and so keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.

A number of people have not returned their 2017 keys and are asked to do so by the end of next week please, where a key is lost we will be asking parents to pay for the cost of cutting another key.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting
10:30 am Tuesday 5 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2017. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.

If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

Confirmation of address / bus entitlement

With this newsletter you will receive a printout giving the most up to date contact details on our school data base. It is critical that you take a look at this to ensure our information is up to date. This information affects such things as contact details used in the event of an emergency, whether or not your child is entitled to travel on school buses, whether your child has in or out of zone status, and even the funding we receive from central government. What you need to do please is ...

.. check all details carefully

... where there is **incorrect information write corrections on the form and return it to school by the end of next week**

... where all of the information is **correct** no further action is required.

Please give Helen a call on Monday with any questions. Remember to return the form by the end of next week please if there are any changes. This data will then be submitted to the Ministry which will allocate a GPS code.

Parents of year 6 students

Last week pubertal change booklets were sent home with our year 6 students. We invite parents to discuss this material with their child in a way appropriate to each situation. Please contact Mr Schuster if you would like support and he will arrange this.

School Cups & Trophies

2017 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school trophies or cups still at home please get these to school by early next week. Thank you



Disagreements between children at school (or on the bus)

If your child has a disagreement or a dispute with another child it is critical that you advise the school of this instead of dealing with the matter yourselves. The school always looks into matters thoroughly, our findings may not always correspond exactly with what your child has told you, but we are always fair and remain open to new information. Children are not to be approached directly by another parent. There are legal and ethical reasons for this.

Prizegiving

Please pencil in 11 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 6:30pm .. all under cover this year. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Helen a call next week.**

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2018. So .. we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. If you think you might be able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.

2018 School Stationery

As for 2017, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Classes for 2018

Class lists for 2018 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 December.

International English and Mathematics Result Sheets

... will be sent home shortly. Participation Certificates will be presented at a forthcoming school assembly. If your child does not get a participation certificate, this is because they will be receiving their certificates at prize giving.

Class Placements 2018

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2018. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of **a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc) please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course. **Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.**

Year 8 Leaving Books

It is customary for the board to provide book vouchers to departing year 8 students. Students received their vouchers today, redeemable at most book stores. We would be hugely grateful if the parents of these students could assist them to choose a suitable book for presentation at this year's prize giving. Books are due at school by 4 December. Thank you so much parents for your support here.

School Contributions

Those who have opted for quarterly payment of their school contribution, or who have outstanding contributions, received a payment request last week. The school contribution is voluntary but enables the school to purchase resources and services which are simply not covered by government funding, and which add significant value to your child's school experience (e.g. additional library books, lower class numbers, learning support, special purpose educational software etc). The board strongly encourages parents to pay their contribution out of fairness to other parents. IRD have asked us to advise parents that they can apply for a tax credit on school donations. Further information is available on the IRD website.

Spelling Bee

Coming up soon. Please encourage your child to participate in class rounds if they are a strong speller. We will keep you posted.

School Hats

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$9 each, in a range of sizes. There is a limited supply of second hand hats for \$3 each.

Borrowed Matarau T-Shirts

Has your child borrowed a school shirt this year? Have they returned it to the office? There are lots of shirts outstanding, some from several months ago. Please can you help your child look through drawers & cupboards and bring in to the office asap. New shirts can be purchased for \$30 each.

The school gates - A reminder please to ensure gates are securely closed as you enter or leave the school.

Interschool Athletics Qualifiers - Years 4 to 8

Y7 & 8 Event - 21 November - Information & permission slips were sent (& emailed where possible) home today with those year 7 & 8 students who have qualified to represent our school zone. Please return slips on Monday 13th, regardless of whether your child will be attending or not.

Y4 - 6 Event - 30 November - Information & permission slips will be sent home end of next week with those year 4, 5 & 6 students who have qualified to represent our school zone.

Year 3 Trip to Adventure Forest - 27 November

The aim of this day is to give year 3 some extra opportunities to challenge themselves & experience a different environment. As always all challenges will be by choice. Our day will be held at Glenbervie Forest, including the Tree Adventure experience. Cost of this day is \$25, permissions slips have been sent home. Please return with your money as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.

Y1-3 Trip to Mair Park - 28 November

Children will start with a walk of the Hatea track to the bridge. The rest of the day will be based in the park with a variety of activities that take advantage of the natural environment. The aim of the day is co-operation, problem solving, challenge by choice and of course fun! Permission slips have been sent home, Please return them to your class teacher as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.



Art Scholarship

Due date for these Monday 20 November. Please encourage budding artists to get a portfolio/display board together to showcase their talent. This is the only award given at prizegiving with a monetary value & well worth striving for. Questions to your child's teacher please.

Home Gardens - Reminders

- Consent for judging was sent home 10 days ago. Please see Mrs Burgin if you did not receive a form.
 - Diaries (& consents) are due in Friday 24 November at the latest.
 - Judging will be on Saturday 2 December
 - Please email Miss Gentil with any photos of your garden that you are happy to share on our gardening blog.
- Please remind children to update their diaries regularly and to take photos of their progress.

Rachael Burgin, Simone Gentil, Jayde Jongkind

Found

Black watch has been found at school recently, if your child has lost one please contact the office

Antique Copper Kettle

... was used in a floral arrangement on Calf Club Day by a student. The kettle has not been seen since. It is similar to this picture without the lid. It has huge sentimental value to it's owners. If you know it's current whereabouts or have any information could you please let the office know. Many thanks.



Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 and 8 programme next year

Mrs Donaldson is available at times by appointment. If we do not hear from parents we will assume your support to make these placement / pathway decisions ourselves.

Finally

As you know, courtesy is our current virtue. We have been encouraged by the steady trickle of reports of children applying this virtue in plenteous and diverse circumstances. Please commend your children for their efforts in this regard and remind them continually that little things matter, in fact often much more than we think.

By the Way

... you might be interested to know that our multi-talented caretaker - Mr Jim Palmer - has qualified for the Grand Final of the NZ Battle of Bands in mid December. Follow on <http://battleofthebands.co.nz/> or check it on facebook - his band is called Hearse Nurse. They'll playing at the Butter Factory on Saturday 18th, so check them out there!

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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Writing Piece by Ben Donaldson, Room 5

Walt: Describe a colour to someone who can't see.
Use adjectives. Add detail.

BLACK sounds like the darkness chasing rabbits
out of their shallow holes
and the blackish gray weasels scaring possums eating in barky trees.

Black smells like a possum skin that's been glued to a chair.

Black tastes like burnt, crunchy bacon still sizzling on the oily pan.

Black feels like my dad's rough, curling hair on my laughing face.

Central Calf Club Results

Brianna Brown Williamson - 1st Junior Beef Leading, 3rd Rearing, 4th Beef Type & 3rd leading overall (Juniors) and Reserve Champion Beef junior. Jesse Brown Williamson - Merit Intermediate Beef section
Nicole Collier - 2nd leading, rearing & type and Champion Calf all Crossbreed section.
Ella Martin - 2nd Intermediate Heavy Breed Calf rearing, 3rd school group of 3 with Brianna & Erica Powell
Summer Dackers - 2nd Intermediate Lamb Rearing, & 4th Leading
Jessica Gauntlett - 2nd Intermediate Pet Lamb section

Community Notices

House wanted to Rent - Family looking for 3+ bdrm home in Matarau area.

Ideally with 2 living areas / granny flat type set up. Long term.

Trish 021 843 100 or trish_reumah@hotmail.com

Kamo Swimming Club - 2017/18 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 30th October at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. High School students welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed

Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving - Junior Surf programme for 4-13 year olds. Starts Sunday 12th November at Ruakaka Surf Club. More info visit www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf or contact Jeni on 021 134 0889 or Jaime 021 874 472.

Holiday Surf Programmes - at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay the summer holidays. Our programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf. This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding. Monday-Friday - 18-22 Dec; 1-5 Jan; 8-12 Jan; 15-19 Jan. Limited spaces - Please email to book surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Dyslexia PLUS invites parents to an information evening on Dyspraxia - Presented by Dr Yvette Ahmad, Psychologist, Whangarei 7-9pm. Monday 20th November, St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish Hall Cost: \$10 per family on arrival. Children welcome at parents' discretion. RSVP by 16 November for catering and handout numbers - Email to admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz

Local Hairstylist - Colouring, Foils, Cutting, Curling, Up Do's, Appointments only. Attwood Road. Phone Renae Attwood, 022 582 9179

Ruatangata Market: this Saturday (11th) from 9 til 12 at the Ruatangata Hall, [1180 Pipiwai road](http://www.1180Pipiwai.co.nz). Plants, crafts, art, and more, made and sold by locals. Plenty of parking available.

Effective Parenting Workshop - For Parents with children 0- 10 years , with Leone Neal . Do you want to : Yell less? Have fewer power struggles ? Connect more? Feel more confident and peaceful in your parenting? Join us for this fun, informative workshop. *When* : 7pm- 8.30pm , 21st and 22nd November (choose one) - 15 Reyburn Street (Printing.com) , Cost ; \$30; Contact Leone for further details : 0274141365, or leonerneal@gmail.com; [facebook.com/effectiveparentingprogram](https://www.facebook.com/effectiveparentingprogram)

Matarau School Lunch Fundraisers

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

